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44. Flat float glass that can be prestressed or transformed into a glass-ceramic with high quartz mixed crystals or keatite mixed crystals, that has a concentration of less than 300 ppb Pt, less than 30 ppb Rh, less than 1.5 wt.% ZnO and less than 1 wt.% SnO₂ to prevent undesirable surface defects during floating, and that was refined during melting without the use of the conventional fining agents arsenic oxide and/or antimony oxide.

REMARKS

Applicants have provided a unique solution with respect to problems regarding FLAT FLOAT GLASS.

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in order to place the present application in a better condition for examination. None of the changes submitted in this Preliminary Amendment are to be construed as having any effect on the scope of the subject matter being claimed, as they are merely being presented for clarification purposes, as stated above. All of the changes made in this Preliminary Amendment are made without prejudice, so that matter deleted may be reintroduced as necessary for prosecution of the application.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

It is submitted that Applicants have provided new and unique FLAT FLOAT GLASS and it is requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued at an early date.

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